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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF UTAH

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ROBERT ANDREW MULLINS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Defendant.

**MEMORANDUM DECISION &  
ORDER DENYING MOTION  
TO SEAL CASE**

Case No. 4:21-cv-57-DN

District Judge David Nuffer

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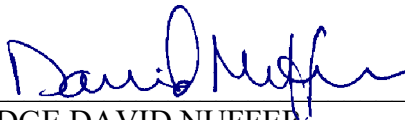
Plaintiff filed a post-judgment motion to seal this case based on privacy and national security interests. (ECF No. 19.) Plaintiff cites to case law from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals for the proposition that cases may be sealed to protect an innocent accused who is exonerated; trade secrets; the privacy and reputation of victims; and to guard against risks to national security. (*Id.*) However, this is not binding authority, and Plaintiff fails to explain how the propositions from this authority could be applicable here. A review of the record does not reveal any material or information that would plainly suggest the case should be sealed.

“Court records are presumptively open to the public” and “the sealing of civil cases is highly discouraged.” DUCivR 5-2(a). Plaintiff fails to identify a sufficient legal basis for this case to be sealed. And Plaintiff’s earlier motion to seal was denied. (ECF No. 17.)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Seal is DENIED. (ECF No. 19.)

DATED this \_21st\_ day of December, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Nuffer", is written over a horizontal line.

JUDGE DAVID NUFFER  
United States District Court